Q: What about Graduate Tower at Site 4? Has the construction finished yet? Can we apply?
A: Hi, you can apply for Site 4 the grad tower. At this time it is not finished but we are hoping that we will be able to resume construction soon.

Q: Are singles able to apply for 1 bedrooms, or just efficiencies?
A: It depend on the location are you looking at for housing. There are single rooms in apt. style housing for grads that are individual rooms and efficiencies.

Q: Hello. If our parents come to visit us, can they stay with us in the campus grad houses? If so, how long can they stay?
A: Guest policies are different in every house, I encourage you to visit the house websites and visit guest policies.

Q: Will this powerpoint (4/22/2020) be available for us to look at later?
A: Yes -- we'll email a link and post on the grad-orientation.mit.edu.

Q: Do prices include utilities or just rent?
A: Utilities are included in the housing rent.

Q: Are any of the rooms dog friendly? And also do support dogs count as service dogs?
A: The only pets allowed are approved service animals by disability services and housing.

Q: I'm interested in looking into any location that offers 1 bedroom units for singles (rather than just efficiencies). Which ones are those?
A: One bedroom units are in suite style. You will learn more shortly from the students (in the webinar) on which houses offer these spaces.

Q: If we cannot get into the dorm due to the pandemic, do we still need to pay dorm rent?
A: We are going forward with standard procedures as Tasha (Housing) mentioned but we are adjusting policies if needed due to Covid.

Q: Do all houses have laundry services?
A: All houses have laundry services.

Q: Is the sublicense website open now?
A: At this time, there is not an opportunity to sublicense this summer until the Institute decides our summer and fall operations. Once an update is given, we will communicate that to the community.
Q: If I group with 3 other people and we request a 4 bedroom apartment in Edgerton, is it likely we'll get it? I know that sometimes upper students remain in their dorms so there's a possibility there's no 4 bedroom apartments open.
A: From what I understand right now, it seems that there's a significant number of students that live in Edgerton that are planning on moving out. So in terms of previous students remaining in their 4 bedroom apartment, it isn't extremely likely that all 4 students remain in the room. However, getting all four spots of the bedroom apartment is much more unlikely. Historically, there is usually one student that chooses to remain in that apartment in Edgerton and thus only 3 new students move in. Of course, with the circumstances of this year, it is very unclear what your odds are.

Q: What differences are there between "General Allocation Process" and "General Allocation Process II" in terms of housing options available for these two rounds? If someone hasn't yet decided on whether to go with on-campus or off-campus housing so if they opt in to go for the second allocation process is that going to reduce the chances of getting on-campus housing (aiming for efficiency in Sidney-Pacific or Ashdown)?
A: We will run the allocation for a second round. This will allow students who missed the first round or did not receive an assignment have a second opportunity to apply and receive housing. It will not necessarily reduce the opportunity because there is a smaller pool. Additionally, there are continuous vacancies occurring which will be available in the second round.

Q: If we have to change our move in date, up to what point can we change that date and how would we do that?
A: You would work directly with your Assignments Associate, who will be able to adjust your move-in date.

Q: If we move off campus during the summer for something like an out of town internship, do we still have to pay rent or can we sublease our spot to someone else?
A: We allow students to sublease apartments to other MIT affiliates during summer or winter break.

Q: If construction works are resumed soon, when will tower 4 be available to move in? What is the current time line?
A: At this time we do not know the answer to these questions, we are working closely with construction teams and housing to work thru the timelines.

Q: Is it possible to move in before July 31st (without being moved to another place at this date)
A: That would be based on current vacancies. If you are assigned an apartment that has an early vacancy, you would be able to move prior to July 31.
Q: If campus is still closed in the fall, will we still be able to move into grad student housing?
A: At this time we do not have answers to how the fall will look but we will communicate with students as info is available.

Q: When an apartment is not furnished, it means that we should also buy a fridge, bed, etc.?
A: Fridges and stoves come with spaces that have kitchens in suites. I encourage you to visit each house website for what is included.

Q: When is the payment date for housing?
A: Billing is placed on the account at the first of the month and is due within 30 days.

Q: Will first years only be matched with first year roommates?
A: No. We do not assign housing based on class year.

Q: If I am getting married in November should I apply for single housing or married housing?
A: Is your spouse moving with you?

Q: In case of an internship in another city over the summer between Y1 and Y2, what is the flexibility re ending the lease earlier (e.g. 9 months) or subletting?
A: We do have a termination policy that allows students to terminate for approved and unapproved reasons. You may refer to these policies on our housing website.

Q: Is it guaranteed that students who want 2 years of housing will receive it? Or is there a lottery again for the 2nd year?
A: Students who are eligible to register and are fully enrolled can renew their license agreement for the next academic year.

Q: In case we're not able to move into our allotted housing option this Fall, would this option be reserved for us for the Spring?
A: Unfortunately, we do not offer deferred housing assignments. You would need to reapply for the Spring allocation process. Applications for this process opens in November.

Q: Just to confirm. If I am unable to make it to campus in August, would I still have to pay the $250 fine?
A: We would adjust our housing policies based on the institute's directive. If your inability to make it to campus is based on Institute decisions or COVID impact to your visa, we would adjust accordingly.

Q: Do utilities include cable TV as well or just internet?
A: Utilities are all included. You would need a roku or streaming device for the mit cable.
Q: If you form a group of 3 or more people and there are no vacancies to accommodate 3 or 4 people, does the housing website split people up?
A: Yes, we try our best accommodate those students but cannot make any guarantees

Q: Where can I find the lease/housing agreement?
A: There is a sample license agreement on our housing website. You will receive your specific license agreement once you receive a housing assignment.

Q: Do the move-in/move-out dates align with September 1st?
A: Move dates are based on assignment availability. You can work directly with our office if you need to make adjustments to your move dates.

Q: How many options should we select on average to have a favorable response to at least one of them?
A: Please select housing preferences based on where you would like to live. You are able to explore your housing options on our housing website.

Q: Is there a roommate preference (not for people who know each other) or are doubles/triples/etc in an apartment assigned randomly?
A: Assignments are assigned randomly but we use the roommate preference form to guide those assignments.

Q: Are there dorms which mostly contain first year students, and dorms which typically house older students?
A: We have 1 first year grad residence the Warehouse all the others are mixed

Q: Any possibility that I may not receive an allocation of on-campus housing due to various reasons?
A: Yes. We cannot guarantee assignments. Receiving an assignment is based on the number of vacancies available and the number of applicants, which can fluctuate every year.

Q: Do you have to apply with exactly the same preferences as your other roommate choices? Or should they just be roughly similar?
A: By indicating the same preferences, you will increase the possibility of receiving an assignment together.

Q: I am getting married in December, currently planning our wedding. Should I apply for married housing?
A: If your spouse is moving to campus with you, yes you should apply for family housing. If you are coming alone to campus then apply for single housing

Q: Do efficiencies usually do not have a kitchen?
A: All efficiencies include a kitchen.
Q:  When tower 4 will be available? Are 2 bedrooms fully furnished?
Naomi Carton-Associate Dean Grad. Res. Life 11:36 AM
We are unsure when the tower will open, the first bedroom is furnished not the second in the tower

Q:  Are we allowed to switch out the bed in a furnished apartment (for instance, if we want a larger bed)?
A:  Unfortunately you can not change out the furniture

Q:  Do any of the residences have 1-bedroom or efficiency units that include a dishwasher and/or gas stove?
A:  Site 4 includes dishwashers. None of the apartments include gas stoves.

Q:  Because of the COVID-19, it is very difficult to estimate when we will be able to move in the dormitory. The application process of dormitory is in progress now, and we have to select preferred dates when we hope to move in. If we arrive at Boston on the late dates, do we suffer disadvantages such as fine? Do we have to pay housing fee until we move in?
A:  We understand the uncertainty of COVID 19 and you would work directly with your assignments associate if you need to have a delayed arrival.

Q:  Does any graduate residence have apartments or common kitchens with dishwashers?
A:  Only the new two bedroom apartments in the grad tower have dishwashers

Q:  Sorry to follow up to Jerry’s answer, is it advantageous then to apply as a group of 3 for a 4 bedroom as opposed to a group of 4?
A:  I actually don’t know the odds for this coming year, but previously it did seem that applying as a group of 3 for a 4 bedroom was more advantageous. If you look at the number of apartments available, I think numerically you have better odds applying for two groups of 2 bedroom apartments. But again, this changes heavily year to year.

Q:  Can we update the roommate requests (eg. adding new roommates) after we submit the housing allocation application, or do we have to re-submit it?
A:  You may edit your application; but please be sure to fully submit your edited application once you are done with your updates.

Q:  Thanks, my spouse will join me in December after we marry. Does this change things regarding being able to apply for family housing?
A:  Yes you will apply for single housing and then apply for a move into family housing when your spouse joins you.
Q: Are there restrictions on which family members can stay with us in family housing?
A: A spouse, dependent(s) which a dependant can be a family member who is dependant on you at this time. I suggest you contact housing directly for more info. can live you with in family housing.

Q: When we are about to end the lease in an unfurnished graduate housing, are we allowed to sell our furniture to students who are moving in after our lease ends and keep the furniture in the same apartment?
A: At Edgerton, you are unable to. The rooms currently have to be completely vacated so that they may be cleaned out before the next students move in. Usually students sell to other students that are planning to remain in housing, or the house government helps with some kind of event for reselling goods.

Q: For shared bathrooms and kitchens, do cleaners come in to clean them?
A: Students are responsible for cleaning

Q: About Ashdown. I checked in the website and there are common kitchen. Does this mean if I am assigned a 3-bedroom suite, which does not have kitchen, I still can cook in those common kitchens for myself?
A: Yes you can cook in common kitchens

Q: do you know at what stage the construction is (Site 4)?
A: We are moving along unfortunately the city of cambridge has put a temp. stop to building

Q: Are grad students in housing required to be on a meal plan?
A: No grad students are not required to be on a meal plan but can purchase one

Q: Can common area’s (e.g. kitchens) in Tower 4 be used by all students, incl those living in a 2 bedroom apt?
A: yes they can

Q: Do students have to move out Warehouse after a year since it is first year only?
A: Yes, unless you apply to be an RA

Q: For Warehouse, is the small refrigerator a mini-fridge or an actual refrigerator?
A: This question has been answered live

Q: What does efficiency mean? sorry not familiar with the term
A: “Studio” apartment is another word, basically it means the apartment is one big room (not separated by walls)